

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 9, 1997 Hearing Room D

8:30 AM Tapes 75 - 77

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Bob Montgomery, Chair

Rep. Mike Lehman, Vice-Chair

Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jane Lokan

Rep. Bill Markham

Rep. Lonnie Roberts

Rep. Larry Wells

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Adkins, Policy Analyst

Erik Deitz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

HB 3163 Work Session

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 75, A		
005	Chair Montgomery	Calls meeting to order at 8:39 AM, opens work session on HB 3163.
<u>HB 3163 WORK SESSION</u>		
010	Janet Adkins	Committee administrator, explains the different amendments of HB 3163. Talks about different tax increases in HB 3163.
		Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), testifies about the bond

037	Victor Dodier	limits within proposed HB 3163 amendments.
057	Adkins	Testifies about -9 amendments for HB 3163 (EXHIBIT H). Explains their content.
072	Rep. Markham	Asks about livability in the -9 amendments.
097	Greg Wolfe	Governor's Office, testifies about the specific language in the -9 amendments.
121	John Chandler	Oregon Building Industries Association, testifies about the livability language in the -9 amendments. Explains coordination of Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) and ODOT.
140	Rep. Markham	Asks about -9 amendments and if the money is in the trust fund.
145	Chandler	Responds that it is.
170	Adkins	Explains more about the -9 amendments for HB 3163.
192	Bill Penhollow	Representing Oregon counties, testifies about livability and highway expansion. Testifies about some specific changes of wording in the -9 amendments.
205	Willis	Testifies about language in the -9 amendments that is of concern to the Port of Portland. Explains that it has to do with the freight mobility aspects and the international trade gateways.
213	Rep. Roberts	Asks about specific language within the -9 amendments for separation of powers.
221	Penhollow	Responds.
225	Rep. Markham	Asks about specific language within the -9 amendments.
227	Adkins	Asks about specific wording in - 9 amendments.
245	Adkins	Explains the definitions in the -9 amendments.
TAPE 76, A		
050	Chair Montgomery	Asks if the 1/2 cent jet fuel tax is shared with all the other airports statewide.
051	Penhollow	Responds that is shared with all the other airports statewide.
054	Betsy Johnson	Aeronautics section of ODOT, testifies about aeronautics taxes and the amount they receive. Explains that some of the money is used to fund the actual operation of the aeronautics section, some is used for federal matching at state owned airports.
053	Grace Crunican	ODOT, testifies about the needs for the airports. Talks about her discussions with the Port of Portland.
064	Rep. Lehman	Talks about the different methods the Port of Portland has to receive money.
074	Rep. Roberts	Asks about the amount of money that the Port of Portland receives.
096	Johnson	Testifies that they receive around \$800,000 with a 1/2 cent tax.

127	Rep. Roberts	Asks about different tax amounts in Oregon vs. Washington.
135	Rep. Markham	MOTION: Moves to change the proposed conceptual amendments to increase AVGs tax by one cent per gallon.
135		VOTE: 3-4 AYE: 3 - Josi, Lehman, Markham NAY: 4 - Lokan, Roberts, Wells, Montgomery
	Chair Montgomery	The motion FAILS.
192	Rep. Josi	Asks about the allocation of funds from AVGs taxes.
199	Johnson	Testifies about the different airports and the allocation of funds.
226	Crunican	Testifies about the needs of the Portland Airport.
276	Arnold Ryland	Oregon All Terrain Vehicle Coordinator, testifies about taxes for All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) fund and the allocation of funds. Explains about the need for money for state parks maintenance and the opening of facilities. Explains he is opposed to taking away money from the ATV people.
323	Rep. Roberts	Agrees with Ryland.
337	Rep. Roberts	Moves to delete certain wording (section 25) HB 3163 -8 amendment allowing tax dollars for ATV.
386	Rep. Roberts	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3163 -8 amendments (section 26 and 27), dated 04/09/97.
		VOTE: 4-3 AYE: 4 - Lokan, Markham, Roberts, Wells NAY: 3 - Josi, Lehman, Montgomery
	Chair Montgomery	The motion PASSES.
TAPE 75, B		
024	Adkins	Explains the - 8 (section 24) amendments and what they do (EXHIBIT G).
055	Rep. Lokan	States the importance of the need for tax dollars to be spent in the high growth counties.
084	Linda Peters	Chairman of the Washington Board of County Commissioners, testifies about registration fees that could be imposed. Explains that she believes that she cannot impose the fee without a vote of the people.
099	Chair Montgomery	Asks about the tax dollars and how ODOT will receive the money.
118	Peters	Explains that she would not be able to use the money without a vote of the people.

120	Rep. Lehman	Talks about the language and the authority of local governments.
143	Rep. Lokan	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3163 -8 (section 24) amendments dated 04/09/97.
159	Penhollow	Testifies about the agreement among counties.
181	Chair Montgomery	Asks about wording directing Multnomah County how to spend tax dollars.
193	Rep. Josi	Explains how different counties are classified, spotted owl counties and Eastern Oregon safety net counties.
210		VOTE: 4-3 AYE: 4 - Josi, Lokan, Roberts, Montgomery NAY: 3 - Lehman, Markham, Wells
	Chair	The motion CARRIES.
250	Crunican	Testifies about the design of the bill.
271	Gary Conkling	General Contractors Association, testifies about general contractors in Oregon state. Explains he would like the amount of pilot projects for general contractors reduced.
328	Crunican	Testifies about Driver Motor Vehicles Services Section.
382	Adkins	Discusses the ports proposal and the proposed interim task force with assistance from ODOT and Economics.
TAPE 76, B		
035	Mike Meredeth	President and CEO of the Oregon Truckers Association (OTA), testifies about weight-mile tax.
175	Rep. Lehman	Asks about specific dollar amounts in the proposal of OTA (-6 amendments)
094	Bob Russel	Trucking Coalition, testifies about annual calculations and OTA's proposal.
113	Rep. Markham	Asks about specific dollar amount in OTA's proposal.
120	Russel	Responds. Continues testimony about OTA's proposal.
131	Rep. Lehman	Asks about the revenue increases in OTA's proposal.
140	Russel	Responds.
143	Rep. Josi	Asks about dollars amounts in OTA's proposal.
151	Rep. Roberts	Asks about figure in OTA's proposal.
156	Russel	Responds.
178	Bob McKellar	Oregon Forest Product Transportation Association, testifies about tax dollars that will be raised from registration fees and gas taxes.
215	Chair Montgomery	Asks about the diesel fueled being dyed.
		Responds that diesel retailers will carry both dyed and un-dyed diesel

223	McKellar	fuel.
234	Rep. Well	Asks about specific numbers and tax amount on diesel fuel.
250	Chair Montgomery	Asks about other states diesel tax amounts. Explains that we may have the highest tax on diesel fuel.
	Rep. Wells	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT HB 3163 -6 amendments dated 04/09/97. (EXHIBIT J)
311	Meredeth	Testifies he would like an oversight committee to watch this proposal during the interim.
323	Bob Hall	Portland General Electric (PGE), testifies about the truckers costs, and tax evasion on diesel fuel. Gives numbers on other states diesel fuel tax compliance.
TAPE 77, A		
010	Crunican	Testifies about discrepancies in OTA's proposal vs. ODOT studies. Explains about the tax evasion issues and refunds, and it will take 2-3 years to get the system into full swing.
060	Crunican	Talks about fuel efficiency and the future unknowns in regard to vehicles becoming more efficient, therefor there will be less tax dollars collected
080	Rep. Roberts	Asks about the Mingo study.
090	John Merris	Oregon Department of Transportation, responds he is familiar with the Roger Mingo study and ODOT did provide information to Mingo.
100	Rep. Lokan	Asks if we go to gas tax could we go back to weight-mile tax.
114	Crunican	Responds it would expensive but it could be done.
129	Rep. Roberts	States that there has never been a negative effect with gas tax.
138	Meredeth	Explains retooling of the collection sites and it would be difficult to go back.
149	Rep. Lehman	States his concerns are: * shifting away from cost responsibility * the shift in the trucking industry * the cost neutrality
175	Rep. Lehman	Explains he will not support this at this time, maybe in the future after some changes have been made.
190	Rep. Roberts	Explains about OTA and their support of taxes in this session and the last session. States that this is the time to get this done.
223	Chair Montgomery	Explains the motion that is currently on the floor.
		VOTE: 3-4 AYE: 3 - Lokan, Roberts, Wells

		NAY: 4 - Josi, Lehman, Markham, Montgomery
	Chair Montgomery	The motion FAILS.
230	Staff	Submits additional written testimony regarding HB 3163 (EXHIBIT A, B, C, D, E, F, I, J).
235	Chair Montgomery	Adjourns meeting at 10:48 am.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - HB 3163, prepared testimony, Betsy Johnson, 1p

B - HB 3163, prepared testimony, Betsy Johnson, 2pp

C - HB 3163, prepared testimony, Bob McKeller, 1p

D - HB 3163, prepared testimony, Bob Russel, 1p

E - HB 3163, prepared testimony, Mike Meredith, 1p

F - HB 3163, written testimony, Grace Crunican, 1p

G - HB 3163, -8 amendments, Janet Adkins, 6 pp

H - HB 3163, -9 amendments, Janet Adkins, 4 pp

I - HB 3163, -10 amendments, Janet Adkins, 5 pp

J- HB 3163, -6 amendments, Oregon Truckers Association, 65 pp